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# PURDY'S CHOICE

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## PLANTS - AND - SEEDS.

It's a well known fact that not one person in ten know which are the best varieties of vegetables and fruit and hence, when they attempt to order from the great number of sorts in the high colored catalogues and bewildering descriptions or choose from the seed boxes in the stores (much of the stock being old and worthless) they are nonplussed and hardly know what to buy. For *over forty* years the undersigned has been in the fruit growing and trucking business and every year tests the latest and most popular sorts, discarding sorts of no particular value and retaining the *very best* only until he is now able to supply THE VERY BEST AND CHOICEST SORTS AT LOW PRICES. We received the past season the most flattering testimonials of seed and plants sent out.

**Please Give Us One Trial Order From Our Premium List as Given Below.**

BARR'S MAMMOTH ASPARAGUS—The earliest and largest sort grown. Connover's Colossal—The old standard sort. Donald's Elmira, wonderful in size and tenderness.

BEETS—New Surprise, the best, earliest sort. Long Blood Red, the best late. Early Blood Turnip.

CABBAGE—Wonderful, earliest and heads as solid as a stone. Danish Hard Head, this is the great market winter cabbage so largely grown in Northern New York for the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington markets. Mammoth Red Rock, the largest and best red.

CARROTS—Early Short Horn and Long Orange. CAULIFLOWER—Early Snowball and Autumn Giant.

CELERY—White Plume and Boston Market. CUCUMBERS—Early Frame and Evergreen White Spine.

MELONS—We grow one to two acres yearly of watermelons and muskmelons and find nothing better than the following: LETTUCE—White Butter or Cabbage and Silver Ball.

MUSKMELONS—New Extra Early Hackensack, a week earlier than the Hackensack, Early Jenny Lind. Tip Top Nutmeg, new, yellow flesh and excellent. Champion Market, a fine shipper, large size and fine quality. Henderson Banquet, medium size, red flesh, superior quality. Giant of Colorado, largest of all. Extra Early Prize, Banana, very fine.

WATERMELONS—Cole's Early, splendid for home use and matures in the far north. Stoke's Extra Early, Vick's Early and Phiney's Early, all very fine and early. Dixie and Improved Mountain Sweet, great shippers and extremely valuable at the south. PARSNIPS—Hollow Crown and Long Smooth Sugar.

ONIONS—Yellow Globe Danvers, the most productive and most popular yellow sort. Red Wethersfield, the largest and finest red sort.

RADISHES—Fellons' White, Extra Early Dark Red, Long Scarlet Short Top and French Breakfast.

SQUASHES—Mammoth White Bush, Early White Scallop, Golden Summer Crookneck, Hubbard and New Sweet Nut; the last, fine for winter use.

TOMATOES—Atlantic Prize, extra early, bright red, uniform, solid and smooth. Early Michigan or Red Apple, smooth, very early and productive. Early Market Champion, finest purple.

All of above, postpaid for five cents per pack or five packets for twenty cents, or ten packets for thirty-five cents.

BEANS—Golden Wax, the best "string" bean. Dreer's Bush Lima, the best of all dwarfs. Large White Lima, best for poles.

CORN—Burbank's Early Maine, this is the best and earliest sugar corn we have ever grown. Early Bonanza, best second early. Country Gentleman, for a variety coming in between above and Stowell's Evergreen, no sort we have grown equals it. Stowell's Evergreen, best late.

PEAS—Parry's Earliest and Best, this beats all of the early sorts in earliness and productiveness. Telephone, wonderful in production and large size and as good as Champion of England. Champion of England, the old standard sort; sow a few every week or two till July and have peas on your table till fall—the same with corn. Beans, corn and peas, five cents per paper postpaid.

We have a choice, selected strain of mixed flower seed of following sorts at five cents per paper, postpaid: Asters, Balsams, Carnations, Geraniums, Heliotrope, Hollyhock, Marigold, Mignonette, Petunias, Pansies, Sweet Peas, Phlox, Sweet William, Verbena, Zinnia.

Purdy's Fruit Recorder. (Discontinued.) It was a monthly, 16-page paper, at \$1.00 per year, filled with practical fruit and trucking instructions. We have a few hundred, bound, indexed volumes of different years, that we will mail, postpaid for fifty cents, or one free with a cash one dollar order for seed and plants, mailed on receipt of order.

For a \$5.00 cash order taken among your neighbors at these prices, we will put in for the sender \$1.50 in stock and the same proportion for a larger order—each person's order to be done up separately with his or her name on same and all packed together in one box or bail.

Of all the New Strawberries tested by us in past season (1898) the I. J. Ridgeway, Steward and Improved Parker Earle, bears them all. 25 cents per dozen, or twelve of each and the pamphlet for \$1.00 by mail postpaid. Our new Descriptive Catalogue for 1899 ready soon and mailed to all applicants. 10¢ per dozen, or twelve of each and the pamphlet for \$1.00 by mail postpaid.



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## Here's a Strawberry of a Lifetime.

After the longest practical experience in growing, fruiting, testing, marketing and eating strawberries, of any man now living in the United States (forty-eight years) and also the first to originate and send out a work exclusively on small fruits, and the first to edit and publish a small fruit periodical, and having grown and fruited thousands of seedlings, old and new my "choice" ought to be of some practical value.

It is *the best*, most valuable and uniformly large and productive plant I have ever seen with poor and good culture, and on any soil. Single plants, grown in stools cannot be covered with a half bushel measure without pressing in the foliage. It is truly a bush strawberry, largely inclined to stool and sending out but few runners. The most vigorous and healthy plant on my grounds, with no signs of blight or rust. Quickly observed for rods away from all other sorts.

Fruit, uniformly large, deep scarlet, delicious flavor. Almost identical in appearance, shape and size, with the largest Belmonts, but far more fruitful, vigorous and hardy in plant and fruit. Blossoms perfect. We candidly believe it has more valuable points than any new sort offered this spring to the public. Having grown and fruited it on our grounds where we had over sixty varieties, old and new in fruiting the past season we know it was ahead of them all.

You can get twelve plants from us by sending an order for two dollars worth of seed, trees or plants, or for an order of five dollars, fifty plants. Fifty cents per dozen, three dollars per hundred.

Champion of England.—This berry was brought from England by an English gardener some years ago, and has been kept and grown by him exclusively for market. He has been able to lead all other growers in sale and price, whatever varieties they might have, getting nearly double the price. The plant is one of the strongest grown, very large and healthy, showing its ability to grow large crops of enormous berries. It is also a perfect blossom and medium early. The fruit is immense in size, some have been exhibited that measure six inches in circumference, and fourteen berries have been picked from it that filled a quart basket. The berry has a bright, polished surface, and is unusually firm for so large a fruit. The vigor of the plant seems astonishing, and some growing on clay did not suffer at all from the dry, hot weather, but makes fully as strong rows as on sand or loam.

Important! 74 quarts of Champion of England Strawberries were picked from one square rod of ground!

The Rural New Yorker says of it: Champion of England—April: Perfect flower. June 1st: Among the most vigorous growers; promises to be as prolific as it was last year. June 8th: Berries fine shape, broadly conical, medium red in color, good quality, from large to very large; one of the most productive varieties in our collection. June 11th: Just at the height of its season; fine quality, flesh red. Commended for vigor of vine, size of berry, shape, quality and productiveness—and productiveness through a long season. June 16th: Still bearing well; berries of fair size. June 21st: Still bearing quite freely berries of small to medium to large size and excellent quality. Vines still vigorous and healthy. Twenty-five cents per dozen by mail, one dollar per hundred by express.

Marshall.—The largest price we have paid for strawberry plants in over forty-five years experience we paid for this sort to the originator—ten dollars per dozen, and the plants were the largest and finest stocky we ever received or planted. This is what is said of it by the originator. "Three thousand baskets of berries picked on one-third acre last year. The berries are very large size, fourteen filling a qt. basket. Color, very dark crimson throughout; fine flavor and fine grain, and good keeper, which commends it for garden or market purposes; plants very vigorous, stands twenty to twenty-two inches high; blossom perfect; foliage sufficient to protect blossoms from frost."

We heard much of this berry before it was brought out. The originator asked a wonderful price for the original stock, and was offered a wonderful price, but refused. The prices ran into thousands of dollars, we are informed.

I wish to give my testimony in favor of the Marshall strawberry, which I think superior to any I have ever seen. They grow to a very large size, fourteen often filling a box. Very dark red in color, extending through the berry, which is very unusual. The plants are of a luxuriant growth and of a hardy nature. W. A. Phillips, Plymouth County, Mass.

Among the new varieties at the exhibition was the Marshall, a seedling grown by Mr. Ewell, of large size, good form, dark color, and good quality; a promising, new, and distinct variety. It received two first and three second prizes. (Copied from annual report Mass. Horticultural Society.)

We have a limited number of strong, healthy plants at fifty cents per dozen.

Of the older, well tested sorts, we have nothing equal to Michael's Early, Crescents, Warfield, Haverland, Shuyster, Manchester, Bubach and Jessie. Fifteen cents per dozen; seventy-five cents per one hundred, postpaid. One-third off by express.

If you receive more than one of these four page Price Lists, kindly hand out the extras.



We can also supply at the same price, Wilson's Albany, Chas. Downing, Pineapple, Lord's Seedling, Cumberland Triumph, Capt. Jack, Sharpless, Parker Earle, Belmont, Shuckless, Lenah, Greenville, Beder Wood, Lovett's Early, Elgar Queen and Jucunda.

**RASPBERRIES**—Marlboro, Cuthbert, Turner, Miller's Red, Golden Queen, Eureka, Kansas, Mills, Onondaga, Shaffer, Hopkins, Smith's Prolific, Gregg, Wynona and Royal Church, fifty cents per dozen by mail, one dollar per hundred by express. Columbian, enormous in size and productiveness, ten cents each; one dollar per dozen, mail or express. Kansas and Mills are the best new sorts.

Miller Red Raspberry.—Our experience with this sort the past season shows it has "come to stay" like the city cousins in hot weather, and we shall plant largely of it this spring as the best early red raspberry we have tested. This for an early red, and Cuthbert for medium to late, and the Hopkins and Eureka for early blacks, and Mills and Gregg for late, one is fixed for market and the table.

**BLACKBERRIES**—Early Harvest, Kittatiny, Wilson's Early, Snyder, Taylor's Prolific, Western Triumph, Agawam, Wachusetta, Erie, Lovett and Wilson Junior, fifty cents per dozen. Nevada, new and very fine and hardy, one dollar per dozen. Lucretia Dewberry, fifty cents per dozen.

**CURRENTS**—Black Naples, Cherry, La Versailles, White Grape, Fay's Prolific and North Star, this is the most wonderful and remarkable Currant yet introduced; fine, strong one year old plants, fifty cents per dozen; two year old, seventy-five cents.

**GOOSEBERRIES**—Downing, Smith's Improved, Houghton and Industry, fifty cents to one dollar per dozen. Red Jacket, as large as the largest, berry smooth, very prolific and hardy, quality and foliage the best. For seven years it has stood close to Industry, Triumph. Crown Bob, White Smith, Smith's Improved, Downing, and a dozen other (English) sorts, and while all these have mildewed more or less in leaf and fruit, mildew has never yet appeared on Red Jacket; one year, one dollar; two year, one dollar and fifty cents per dozen.

**GRAPES**—White Ann Arbor, Oneida, Eaton, Moore's Diamond, August Giant, Poughkeepsie Red, Woodruff's Red, ten cents for one year, fifteen cents for two year roots. Rogers 15, Amber Queen, Brighton, Catawba, Concord, Delaware, Diana, Duchess, Early Victor, Empire State, Isabella, Ives, Janesville, Lady, Rogers' 9 and 3, Martha, Merrimac, Moore's Early, Moyer, Niagara, Perkins, Pocklington, Prentiss, Salem, Champion, Vergenes, Wilder, Worden, one year, six cents each; six assorted for forty cents; two year, one-third more.

#### **Fruit Trees in Small Lots at Wholesale Prices.**

**APPLES**—Summer—Early Harvest, Keswick, Codling, Primate, Red Astrachan, Sweet Bough and Tetofsky.

Autumn—Alexander, Dutchess of Oldenberg, Fall Pippin, Fall Orange, Fameuse, Gravenstein, Maiden Blush, Porter and Stump.

Winter—Baldwin, Ben Davis, Cooper's Market, Dominie, Fallwater, Roxbery and English Russett, Grimes' Golden, R. I. Greening, H. Nonsuch, King, Lawver, Mann, Newton Pippin, Northern Spy, Pewunky, Smith's Cider, Winter Orange, Ivanhoe, Stark, Wagoner, Talman Sweet, Walbridge, Wealthy, Willow Twig, Wine Sap, Hyslop and Transcendent Crab, three to five feet, fine trees, seven cents each, seventy-five cents per dozen; five to seven feet trees, very fine and stocky, nine cents each, one dollar per dozen.

**PEARS**—Bartlett, B. Clarigue, B. de Anjou, Buffum, Clapp's Favorite, Dana's Hovey, Dutchess, Flemish Beauty, Howell, Lawrence, Maning's Elizabeth, Mt. Vernon, Seckel, Sheldon, Vicar of Winefield, Keiffer, Le Conte and Wilder Early, three to five feet, very nice trees, twelve cents each, one dollar and twenty-five cents per dozen; five to seven feet, nice, strong and stocky, fifteen cents each, one dollar and fifty cents per dozen.

Dwarf pears of all the leading sorts including the following: Bartlett, Belle Lucrative, Ben Anjou, Clapps, Dutchess d' Angouleme, Flemish Beauty, Idaho, Louise Bon, Osborn's Summer.

**PLUMS**—Bradshaw, Coes Golden Drop, General Hand, Lombard, German Prune, Green Imperial Gage, Monroe Gage, McLaughlin, Quackenboss, Rein Cland, Richland, Shropshire, Dams Smith's Orleans, Washington, Peach, Abundance, Botan Satsuma, Burbank, Kelsey, Basset and Miner. Price, same as Pears.

**CHERRIES**—Black Eagle, Black Tartarian, Coes Transparent, Downer's Lady, Gov. Wood, Napolian Bicenean, Yellow Spanish, Dyehouse, Early Richmond, Empress Eugene, English Morrello, Lady Duke, Montmorenci, Olivet and Rein Hortense. Price, same as pears.

**PEACHES**—Alexander, Amsden's June, Crockett's Late White, Crawford's Early, Crawford's Late, Chinese Cling, Druid's Hill, Early, Beatrice, Early Louise, Early Rivers, Foster Grosses, Wager, Mignonne, George IV., Hill's Chili, Harker's Seedling, Hale's Early, Mountain Rose, Morris White, Oldmixon Cling, Red Cheek, Reeve's Favorite, Solway, Smock, Stump, Susquehanna, Troth's Early, Ward's Late Free, Yellow Rareripe, Tennessee Seedling, Elberta, Crosby and Champion, two to three feet, five cents each, fifty cents per dozen; three to five feet, seven cents, seventy-five cents per dozen.

**RUSSIAN APRICOTS**—Two to three feet, ten cents; three to five feet, fifteen cents each.

**QUINCES**—Champion, Meech and Orange, two feet, ten cents; three to four feet, fifteen cents.



**RUSSIAN MULBERRIES**—three to five feet, ten cents; five to seven feet, twelve cents.

We can supply Apricots of the following sorts: Russian, Early Golden, Harris and Alexis, four to six feet at twelve cents each.

**ASPARAGUS ROOTS**—Donald's Elmira and Barr, one year by mail or two year by express, fifty cents per hundred.

Rhubarb roots, strong and large, by express, fifty cents per dozen.

**ORNAMENTAL TREES**—Alder, fifty cents; Beech, purple, seventy-five cents; Cherry, dbl. flowering, thirty cents; Catalpa, four feet, forty cents; Elm, Maple and Beech, twenty cents each; Kentucky Coffee Tree, thirty-five cents; Linden, thirty-five cents; Laburnum, thirty cents; Mt. Ash, thirty-five cents; Peach, flowering, twenty-five cents; Thorn, thirty-five cents; Willow, Rosemary, thirty cents.

**WEeping DECIDUOUS TREES**—Apple, one dollar each; Ash, seventy-five cents; Beech, one dollar each; Birch, fifty cents; Cherry, thirty cents; Elm, Camperdown, fifty cents; Mt. Ash, seventy-five cents; Willow, thirty cents

**DECIDUOUS SHRUBS**—Almond, twenty cents; Althea, thirty cents; Berberry, ten cents each; Currant, flowering, fifteen cents; Deutzia, assorted, sixteen cents; Euonymus, thirty cents. Forsythia, assorted fifteen cents; Fringe, purple, twenty-five cents; Lilac, assorted, twenty cents; Philadelphia, assorted, twenty cents; Privet, fifteen cents; Quince, Japan, fifteen cents; Snowberry, fifteen cents; Spirea assorted, fifteen cents; Tamarix, fifteen cents; Viburnum, Lantanoines, fifteen cents; Weigelia, assorted, twenty cents; White Fringe, thirty cents.

**CLIMBING PLANTS**—Akebia Quinata, twenty cents; Ampelopsis Veitchii, twenty cents; Aristolochia Siphon, thirty-five cents; Clematis, assorted, forty cents; Honeysuckle, assorted, twenty cents; Ivy, assorted, twenty cents; Trumpet Creeper, fifteen cents; Virginia Creeper, fifteen cents; Wisteria, twenty-five cents; Cinnamon Vine, strong roots, fifteen cents each.

**MISCELLANEOUS**—Paeonies, assorted, twenty cents; Calla, twenty cents each; Canna, fifty-three cents; Dahlias, twenty-five cents; Gladiolus, ten cents; Lily, assorted, thirty-five cents; Tulips, ten cents; Tuberose.

We have a fine stock of Halleian Honeysuckle, by express or postpaid by mail, strong, one year old, twenty-five cents each. Being so hardy, holding its leaves all winter, and thus making a splendid screen, and blooming so freely with yellow and scarlet flowers, alternating, and so deliciously fragrant, and blooming so long makes the Honeysuckle one of the finest outdoor running plants grown.

Crosby and Champion peach, the two handiest sorts.

**Elberta Peach**—It stands at the head of the peach list for hardiness, productiveness, flavor and appearance. Fruit large, yellow, red cheek juicy and rich, flesh yellow, ripening here last of July. The Rural New Yorker in commenting on the Elberta says: "On July 20th we received a small basket. They averaged nine inches in their longer and nearly that in the shorter circumference. The flesh is thick, very juicy, melting and of good quality. The color is yellow with a brightly colored red cheek. It is a freestone. When these peaches were received, there were none to compare with them in the New York market, and peaches not over half the size and of inferior quality were retailing three for ten cents." Small, well rooted trees by mail, ten cents each; one dollar per dozen. By express or freight, seven cents each; seventy-five cents per dozen.

Remit by P. O. or Express Orders on Palmyra, N. Y., or by registered letters, but not by individual checks, or for small amounts—say less than fifty cents—by stamps—one cent stamps preferred.

### All Complaints Must be Made on Receipt of Plants and Trees.

Plants by mail a specialty with us. We are sending out plants to all parts of the United States and Canada with perfect success, and as postage is prepaid by us, it is much cheaper for those ordering who plant but a few plants; but where a number of neighbors club together and get five to twenty-five dollars worth of plants or more, we advise ordering by Express or freight, where your Express office is not too far away.

## Address; A. M. PURDY, Palmyra, N. Y.

If you will hand out or enclose in letter to your friends enclosed slips, I will compensate you with a few choice plants, and would be glad to send you more if you will distribute them.

Any person sending me fifty cents for seed or plants, on receipt of this, I will send with their package, free, one packet of either of the following new and very choice varieties; six Purdy's Choice Strawberry plants, Brinton's Best Tomato, Black Boulder Watermelon, Shipp's Delight Muskmelon, or New Sensation Lettuce, or for \$1.00 for seeds or plants three of the packages or a bound indexed volume of our sixteen page monthly Fruit Recorder, worth \$1.00, postpaid.

**WINTER READING.**—For a dollar cash order sent on receipt of this price list, we will mail you postpaid, one dollar's worth of practical reading matter on fruit growing, or same will be mailed on receipt of thirty cents in stamps. TRY IT and you will not be disappointed.

If you are growing Raspberries, or have an orchard of not less than twenty trees, or in a neighborhood where you can buy plenty of evaporating fruit, you should have Purdy's 25 cent pamphlet telling "How to Increase the Rate." It also contains "Jottings on our Fruit Farm." Only 25 cents in stamps gets it. IT CONTAINS SECRETS WORTH ITS WEIGHT IN GOLD TO EVERY GARDENER.